

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S967–S1016*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2570–2579, S.J. Res. 30, and S. Res. 372–374. **Pages S994–95**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2276, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–209)

S. 659, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–210)

S. 1024, to authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–211)

S. 1674, to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship. (S. Rept. No. 114–212)

S. 2143, to provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Company to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Texas. (S. Rept. No. 114–213) **Page S994**

**Relative to the Death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, February 25, 2016, the Senate begin consideration of S. Res. 374, relating to the death of Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, which is at the desk and I ask that it be held, and that Senate then vote on the resolution, and that if the resolution is agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S1015**

**Justice Scalia Tributes—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senators be permitted to submit tributes to Justice Scalia for the Record until March 10, 2016, and that all tributes be printed as a Senate document. **Pages S1015–16**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the modification and continuation of the national emergency with respect to Cuba and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels, as amended; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–42) **Page S990**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 89 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 25), Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S969–74, S1016**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Carla D. Hayden, of Maryland, to be Librarian of Congress for a term of ten years.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

7 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S1016**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S990–91**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S991**

**Measures Held at the Desk:** **Page S991**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S989–90**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1003–15**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S1015**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1015**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—25) **Page S974**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:22 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1016.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Army, after receiving testimony from Patrick Murphy, Acting Secretary, and General Mark A. Milley, Chief of Staff, both of the Army, Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from John Kerry, Secretary of State.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Stephen G. Burns, Chairman, and Kristine Svinicki, William Ostendorff, and Jeff Baran, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

### IRANIAN INTELLIGENCE AND MILITARY CAPABILITIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a closed hearing to examine Iran's intelligence and unconventional military capabilities, after receiving testimony from Andrew Exum, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Middle East Policy, Christopher P. Maier, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Combatting Terrorism, and Brigadier General Michael E. Kurilla, Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counter-Terrorism, J-37, and Colonel John F. Gonzales, USAF, Deputy Chief for Middle East Directorate, J-5, both of the Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

### RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Renewable Fuel Standard, after receiving testimony from Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Brooke Coleman, Advanced Biofuels Business Council, Boston, Massachusetts; Lucian Pugliaresi, Energy Policy Research Foundation, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Ronald E. Minsk, Rockville, Maryland.

### ENDING MODERN SLAVERY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ending modern slavery, after receiving testimony from Cindy H. McCain, The McCain Institute for International Leadership Human Trafficking Advisory Council, and Maurice I. Middleberg, Free the Slaves, both of Washington, D.C., and Evelyn Chumbow, United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking, College Park, Maryland.

### UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, focusing on opportunities for improvement to support state and local governments, including S. 189, to provide for additional safeguards with respect to imposing Federal mandates, after receiving testimony from Representative Foxx; Utah Senator Curt Bramble, National Conference of State Legislatures, Bryan Desloge, National Association of Counties, and Richard J. Pierce, Jr., The George Washington University Law School, all of Washington, D.C.; and Paul Posner, George Mason University Center on the Public Service, Arlington, Virginia.

### ZIKA VIRUS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Zika virus, focusing on addressing the growing public health threat, after receiving testimony from Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, and Robin A. Robinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary and BARDA Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**OPIOID USE AMONG SENIORS**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine opioid use among seniors, focusing on issues and emerging trends, after receiving testimony from Sean Cavanaugh, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Ann Maxwell,

Assistant Inspector General, Office of Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Jerome Adams, Indiana State Department of Health, Indianapolis; Steve Diaz, MaineGeneral Health, Augusta; and Sean Mackey, Stanford University School of Medicine Division of Pain Medicine, Palo Alto, California.

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## House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 4596–4611; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 624, were introduced. **Pages H891–92**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H893**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3004, to amend the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission (H. Rept. 114–430);

H.R. 2880, to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–431);

H.R. 812, to provide for Indian trust asset management reform, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–432);

H.R. 1475, to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–433);

H.R. 3371, to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–434); and

H.R. 3620, to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–435). **Page H891**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H857**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H862**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Bishop Perry Thompson, Freedom

Chapel International Christian Center, Washington, DC. **Page H862**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Eric Williams Correctional Officer Protection Act:*** S. 238, to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons; **Pages H865–69**

***Amending the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission:*** H.R. 3004, to amend the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission; **Pages H875–76**

***Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park Act:*** H.R. 2880, amended, to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia; **Pages H876–77**

***Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act:*** H.R. 1475, amended, to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance; **Pages H877–79**

***Indian Trust Asset Reform Act:*** H.R. 812, amended, to provide for Indian trust asset management reform; **Pages H879–84**

***Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act:*** H.R. 3371, to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill; and **Pages H884–86**

***Amending the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National***

**Recreation Area:** H.R. 3620, to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

Pages H886–87

**Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act of 2016—Rule for consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 618, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3624) to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent joinder, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 86, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 85. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, February 25th.

Pages H869–74

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he had issued a Proclamation to modify and continue the national emergency declared in Proclamations 6867 and 7757, relating to Cuba—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–102).

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**Senate Referral:** S. 2234 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on House Administration.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H873 and H873–74. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “State of the Rural Economy”. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

### APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the United States Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, United States Forest Service; and Tony Dixon, Budget Director, United States Forest Service.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard

from Jeh Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the Department of State and Foreign Assistance. Testimony was heard from John F. Kerry, Secretary, Department of State.

### APPROPRIATIONS—USDA FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on USDA Food and Nutrition Service. Testimony was heard from Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services; Audrey Rowe, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service; Angela Tagtow, Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Loretta Lynch, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

### UNITED STATES EUROPEAN COMMAND

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held an oversight hearing on United States European Command. Testimony was heard from Philip M. Breedlove, United States Air Force, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Commander, United States European Command. This hearing was closed.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Anthony Foxx, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

### APPROPRIATIONS—USDA FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from Al Almanza, Deputy Under Secretary, Food Safety; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

### THE CHALLENGE OF CONVENTIONAL AND HYBRID WARFARE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION: THE CHANGING NATURE OF THE SECURITY ENVIRONMENT AND ITS EFFECT ON MILITARY PLANNING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Challenge of Conventional and Hybrid Warfare in the Asia-Pacific Region: The Changing Nature of the Security Environment and Its Effect on Military Planning”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command; and General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, Commander, United States Forces Korea.

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FISCAL YEAR 2017 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS: DEFENSE INNOVATION TO CREATE THE FUTURE MILITARY FORCE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2017 Science and Technology Programs: Defense Innovation to Create the Future Military Force”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Welby, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Mary Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; Rear Admiral Mathias W. Winter, USN, Chief of Naval Research and Director, Innovation Technology Requirements, and Test and Evaluation (N84); David Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

### U.S. STRATEGIC FORCES POSTURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “U.S. Strategic Forces Posture”. Testimony was heard from Brian McKeon, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; and Admiral Cecil Haney, Commander, U.S. STRATCOM.

### DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY: BUDGETING AND STRUCTURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Defense Health Agency: Budgeting and Structure”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense; and Vice Admiral Raquel C. Bono, Medical Corps, USN, Director, Defense Health Agency.

### EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Education”. Testimony was heard from John B. King, Acting Secretary, Department of Education.

### THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 HHS BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2017 HHS Budget”. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

### DOE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATIONAL SECURITY MISSIONS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “DOE for the 21st Century: Science, Environment, and National Security Missions”. Testimony was heard from Jared L. Cohon, Co-Chairman, Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the National Energy Laboratories; TJ Glauthier, Co-Chairman, Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the National Energy Laboratories; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee began a markup on the “Small Business Broadband Deployment Act”; a bill to promote a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce; H.R. 1268, the “Energy Efficient Government Technology Act”; H.R. 2984, the “Fair RATES Act”; H.R. 3021, the “AIR Survey Act of 2015”; H.R. 3797, the “Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment (SENSE) Act”; H.R. 4238, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976 to modernize terms relating to minorities; H.R. 4427, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act; H.R. 4444, the “EPS Improvement Act”; H.R. 4557, the “Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns (BRICK) Act”; H.R. 2080, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam; H.R. 2081, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam; H.R. 3447, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam; H.R. 4411, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gathright Dam; H.R. 4416, to extend the deadline for commencement of

construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Jennings Randolph Dam; H.R. 4412, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Flannagan Dam; and H.R. 4434, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Cannonsville Dam.

#### **THE IMPACT OF THE DOD-FRANK ACT AND BASEL III ON THE FIXED INCOME MARKET AND SECURITIZATIONS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “The Impact of the Dodd-Frank Act and Basel III on the Fixed Income Market and Securitizations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 148, calling on the government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States hostage in our Nation’s history; H. Res. 551, recognizing the importance of the United States-Israel economic relationship and encouraging new areas of cooperation; H.R. 3924, the “Global Development Lab of 2015”; and H.R. 4403, the “Enhancing Overseas Traveler Vetting Act”. H. Res. 148 and H.R. 3924 were ordered reported, as amended. H. Res. 551 and H.R. 4403 were ordered reported, without amendment.

#### **ESTABLISHING ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION: ILLICIT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS, WHISTLEBLOWING, AND REFORM**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, held a joint hearing entitled “Establishing Accountability at the World Intellectual Property Organization: Illicit Technology Transfers, Whistleblowing, and Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **BOKO HARAM: THE ISLAMIST INSURGENCY IN WEST AFRICA**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Boko Haram: The Islamist Insurgency in West Africa”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3892, the “Muslim Brotherhood Terrorist Designation Act of 2015”. H.R. 3892 was ordered reported, as amended.

#### **TRIPLE THREAT TO WORKERS AND HOUSEHOLDS: IMPACTS OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS ON JOBS, WAGES AND STARTUPS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Triple Threat to Workers and Households: Impacts of Federal Regulations on Jobs, Wages and Startups”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **THE 2016 CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK DURING THE EL NIÑO AND THREE YEARS OF RESTRICTED WATER DELIVERIES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing entitled “The 2016 California Water Supply Outlook During the El Niño and Three Years of Restricted Water Deliveries”. Testimony was heard from David Murillo, Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **THE IMPOSITION OF NEW REGULATIONS THROUGH THE PRESIDENT’S MEMORANDUM ON MITIGATION**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Imposition of New Regulations Through the President’s Memorandum on Mitigation”. Testimony was heard from Michael Bean, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Brian Ferebee, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Christy Goldfuss, Managing Director, Council on Environmental Quality.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 3477, the “Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act”; and H.R. 3599, the “Eastern Band Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act”. Testimony was heard from Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs for Policy and Economic Development, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## THE ZIKA VIRUS: COORDINATION OF A MULTI-AGENCY RESPONSE

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets held a hearing entitled “The Zika Virus: Coordination of a Multi-Agency Response”. Testimony was heard from Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; John Armstrong, Surgeon General and Secretary of Health, State of Florida; and a public witness.

## UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE: GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Unlocking the Secrets of the Universe: Gravitational Waves”. Testimony was heard from Fleming Crim, Assistant Director, Directorate of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

## A REVIEW OF UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON FUTURE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND CHIEF'S REPORTS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “A Review of United States Army Corps of Engineers Reports to Congress on Future Water Resources Development and Chief's Reports”. Testimony was heard from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works; and Lieutenant General Thomas Bostick, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers.

## GLOBAL TAX ENVIRONMENT IN 2016 AND NEED TO REFORM AND MODERNIZE THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL TAX SYSTEM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing on the global tax environment in 2016 and how recent developments are further escalating the immediate need to reform and modernize the U.S. international tax system. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### THE AMERICAN LEGION LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Senate Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, after receiving tes-

timony from Dale Barnett, The American Legion, Douglasville, Georgia.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Justice, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brad R. Carson, of Oklahoma, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Jennifer M. O'Connor, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, and Todd A. Weiler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John B. King, of New York, to be Secretary of Education, 2 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine connecting patients to new and potential life saving treatments, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Tribal Law and Order Act 5 years later, focusing on the next steps to improve justice systems in Indian communities, 1:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, to hold hearings to examine the impact of high-skilled immigration on United States workers, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine changes to the United States patent system and impacts on America's small businesses, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing to review the G-20 swap data reporting goals, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Indian Health Service, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on Veterans Affairs Office of the Inspector General, 9:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, budget hearing on Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Food and Drug Administration, 10:30 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, 1 p.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2 p.m., H–309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 2 p.m., HT–2 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Full Spectrum Security Challenges in Europe and their Effects on Deterrence and Defense”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Department of the Navy 2017 Budget Request and Seapower and Projection Forces”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Next Steps for K–12 Education: Upholding the Letter and Intent of the Every Student Succeeds Act”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Full Committee, markup on the “Small Business Broadband Deployment Act”; a bill to promote a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce; H.R. 1268, the “Energy Efficient Government Technology Act”; H.R. 2984, the “Fair RATES Act”; H.R. 3021, the “AIR Survey Act of 2015”; H.R. 3797, the “Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment (SENSE) Act”; H.R. 4238, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976 to modernize terms relating to minorities; H.R. 4427, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act; H.R. 4444, the “EPS Improvement Act”; H.R. 4557, the “Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns (BRICK) Act”; H.R. 2080, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam; H.R. 2081, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam; H.R. 3447, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam; H.R. 4411, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gathright Dam; H.R. 4416, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Jennings Randolph Dam; H.R. 4412, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Flannagan Dam; and H.R. 4434, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Cannonsville Dam (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Puerto Rico’s Debt Crisis and Its Impact on the Bond Markets”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “The Impact of International Regulatory Standards on the Competitiveness of U.S. Insurers: Part II”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Strengthening U.S. Leadership in a Turbulent World: The FY 2017 Foreign Affairs Budget”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “Probing DHS’s Botched Management of the Human Resources Information Technology Program”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “Emerging Cyber Threats to the United States”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “International Conflicts of Law Concerning Cross Border Data Flow and Law Enforcement Requests”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The U.S. Department of Treasury’s Analysis of the Situation in Puerto Rico”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 2316, the “Self-Sufficient Community Lands Act”; H.R. 3650, the “State National Forest Management Act of 2015”; H.R. 3826, the “Mount Hood Cooper Spur Land Exchange Clarification Act”; H.R. 4510, the “Bolts Ditch Access and Use Act”; and H.R. 4579, the “Utah Test and Training Range Encroachment Prevention and Temporary Closure Act”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Security Clearance Reform: The Performance Accountability Council’s Path Forward”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Space Leadership Preservation Act and the Need for Stability at NASA”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Contracting and the Workforce, hearing entitled “Hotline Truths: Issues Raised by Recent Audits of Defense Contracting”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Reauthorization of DOT’s Pipeline Safety Program”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, business meeting for the official Committee photo of the 114th Congress; markup of H.R. 4336, the “Women Airforce Service Pilot Arlington Inurnment Restoration Act”; H.R. 4063, the “Jason Simcakoski PROMISE Act”; H.R. 4129, the “Jumpstart VA Construction Act”; H.R. 1769, the “Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015”; H.R. 3484, the “Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015”; draft legislation to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into agreements with certain health

care providers to furnish hospital care, medical services, and extended care to veterans; and draft legislation of the “FY 2016 VA Seismic Safety, Construction, and Lease Authorization Act”, 10:15 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “World Wide Threats”, 9 a.m., HVC-210.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “World Wide Threats”, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

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*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, February 25

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business. At 1:45 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of S. Res. 374, relating to the death of Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and vote on adoption of the resolution.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Continue consideration of H.R. 3624—Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act. Consideration of H.R. 2406—Sportsmen’s Heritage and Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Act (Subject to a Rule).

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